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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PEPR, IN, US
SUBJECT: MRS. GANDHI ON HER ROLE IN MT EHIMALAYAN BLUNDER

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS IN BOMBAY ON APRIL 24, FORMER PRIME
MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI SAID THAT WHEN SHE ASSUMED OFFICE IN
1966 SHE KNEW LITTLE ABOUT THE NUCLEAR MONITORING DEVICE
INSTALLED IN THE HIMALAYAS BY THE US AND INDIAN GOVERNMENTS.
"THIS WAS DONE BEFORE MY TIME AND BY THE TIME I HEARD ABOUT
IT THERE WAS NOTHING THAT I COULD DO", SHE SAID. ASKED IF
SHE WAS AWARE OF THE MOTIVE FOR INSTALLING THE DEVICE,
MRS. GANDHI REPLIED, " I CANNOT SAY DEFINITELY THAT I KNEW
BUT I COULD GUESS."

COMMENT: MRS. GANDHI'S EVASIVE REPLIES HAVE A WATERGATE
QUALITY TO THEM. MORE TO THE POINT IS THE FACT THAT
THE FORMER PM AND HER BACKERS HAVE CHOSEN TO AVOID
THE SUBJECT OF THE MONITORING DEVICE TO THE EXTENT
POSSIBLE SINCE DESAI'S PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT POINTING
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THE FINGER AT, AMONG OTHERS, MRS. GANDHI HERSELF.
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